

THE TOWN OF **MERRIMAC**

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PUBLIC HEARING - Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Chairman Peetz called to order a public hearing regarding the 2014 Annual Town Budget. Tim McCumber reported the final budget as amended to reflect the state's levy limit reducing the allowable levy by \$2 and reflects 3 new home construction projects that were added for garbage collection and expense. No one in the audience commented. Motion by Terry Frosch to close the hearing. Second by Tim Healy. Hearing closed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Chairman Peetz then called to order a Special Town Meeting will be held immediately after the Public Hearing regarding the 2013 Tax Levy payable in 2014. Also in attendance were McCumber, Frosch, Healy, Mary Carol Solum, Laura Olah and Frank Olah. McCumber reported the proposed tax levy for 2013 payable in 2013 is \$206,365.00. Motion by Healy to adopt the levy, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Interim-Supervisor Tim Healy, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of October 2, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Frosch to approve, second by Healy. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Mary Carol Solum spoke in support of the town's resolution opposing SB-349 Relating to Regulation of Nonmetallic Mining. The town needs to have the ability to protect their roads and zoning rights. Laura Olah of Citizens for Safe Water at Badger (CSWAB). They hired a hydrologist who claims they Army has not defined the degree and extent of soil or groundwater contamination and has not incorporated adequate groundwater monitoring to effectively assess risks posed by contamination. The hydrologist also said the remedial cap over the propellant burning grounds is not sufficient to protect the ground water. The water testing at the burning grounds have consistently exceeded safe standards and showed an increase in 2011. The DNR has not authorized the system to be dismantled or allowed to degrade after shut down. Additional monitoring should be done on to the south on the east and the west side of the Wisconsin River. They want soil analysis for all 6 forms of DNT and testing of the Prairie du Sac well and they will present this information at the November 21st BOMC meeting. The information is also on the website. She also wants the town to write a letter supporting informational sessions that have been lost as the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) has not been meeting. These sessions will help the residents and the town board knows why they are taking certain action. The RAB is not meeting because of letters from the town objecting to the RAB. Without the RAB, the dialogue is completely gone. As a resident of the town, she also supports town's resolution opposing SB-349. Could the town also post the draft resolutions online or have copies at the town board. Mary Carol is on the RAB and said that by law it cannot be disbanded and the chair has not called a meeting. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a letter from Jim & Elaine Waller requesting a "Children at Play" sign on Wynding Way. McCumber will order a sign and ask Denny Beich to place it. We received an email from John Brixby, Town of Blue Mounds Supervisor seeking support for LRB 12587/2 granting all towns authority to adopt its own zoning without county board approval. McCumber indicated that the town has its own zoning and asked Brixby to send a resolution, but received no response. The town also received a request from UW-Extension Sauk County to report any town activities related to Earth Day on April 19, 2014. McCumber noted the spring clean up days does not align, but noted anyone with a public activity that day can contact the extension. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber attended a multi-jurisdictional meeting to establish Sauk County Rails to Trails along the Sauk Prairie to Badger line. The DNR will be turning over the line to Sauk County who wants to work with the impacted jurisdictions on the development of the trail. The agenda called for a report on the impact of revaluation on last year's mill rate which was over looked and not reported

on. For the record, the town's mill rate will increase from \$.75 to \$.86 before the levy increase of 0.52% which will make it \$.87; Board of Review will be on November 9, 2013 from 9-11am., so far only Devil's Head has filed an objection. McCumber reported he had reviewed the town's Room Tax receipts and noted that Devil's Head has 246 rooms and which is 93% of the taxable rooms in town, but they only accounted for 50% of the room tax revenue last year. He then reviewed their income statement as provided in their appraisal and believes the room tax collected should be much higher. The town's attorney will notify them that the town will be conducting an audit and will come back for the expense approval next month. McCumber also noted that the income statement is confidential and not subject to open records nor can it be divulged to the public in accordance with Wisconsin Statute. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the board reviewed three proposals received to re-shingle the town hall. Proposals were received from Maly Roofing, LaMasney Construction, and Hasheider Roofing. The board had several questions about the shingle materials, warranties, etc. that were not easily identifiable. Motion to table to get more info by Peetz, second by Healy. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board received the annual request to contribute \$250 Senior Exercise Program in the Village of Merrimac. McCumber reported that the 2012 request came in 2013, and has added it back to the budget for 2014. Motion to approve the request by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion carried. The board then considered the Merrimac Area Fire District (MAFD) 2014 budget. Peetz reported it has a modest increase, but is the first increase in 3 years. McCumber added that because of the Dept. of Revenue's lowered estimates of the town's values, the increase ends up being a wash with the decreased share the town would pay. Motion by Peetz to approve the MAFD budget, second by Healy. Motion passed. McCumber asked Peetz to talk to chief regarding ACA/employment requirements. Peetz also reported that Wendy Sitton resigned and asked that the town send her a letter thanking her for her service. Nancy Halweg from the village is the new MAFD treasurer. Peetz reported he hopes to be able to make an appointment to replace her next month. The board also considered Resolution 2013-09 In Opposition to SB 349 Relating to Regulation of Nonmetallic Mining. McCumber reported that this bill came from Senator Tiffany because of the issues surrounding mining up north, but this bill would prohibit the town from issuing its own Conditional Use Permits as required by the town's zoning ordinance. He also reported that the Senator has withdrawn the bill and intends to rewrite it, but recommends the town still adopt the resolution and send it on. Motion to approve resolution 2013-09 by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. And finally, the town considered adoption of the proposed 2014 town budget. Motion to approve by Peetz, second by Healy. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch, second by Healy. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - Saturday, November 9, 2013

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Interim-Supervisor Tim Healy, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Peetz called the **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposals received to re-shingle the town hall. McCumber presented the board the additional information requested from the November 6, 2013 town board meeting. The board determined the Maly Roofing proposal was the best value based on the shingle warranty of 50 years. Peetz moved to accept the Maly Roofing proposal for \$11,150 plus an estimated \$85 per sheet of plywood if any deteriorated decking needs to be replaced. Second by Frosch. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch, second by Healy. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim Healy, 356-2301; Interim Supervisor, 493-2687; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (please, no calls at residence except for emergencies). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.